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Next Steps!

The MITW is in the process of developing the LRTP and LUP vision, goals and objectives through visioning sessions. The vision session will include a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis.

Strengths – A physical asset, a program, or an environmental feature which positively influences the quality of life in the reservation or area.

Weaknesses – Correctable problem which needs to be addressed or amended.

Opportunities – Underutilized features which could positively affect the quality of life within the community.

Threats – Internal or external features that could jeopardize the future success of a community.

Up Coming Meetings

Transportation/Land Use Task Force

When: June 20, 2012 at 11:00am-2:00pm Where: Menominee Tribal Housing Department W3196 Our Children's Road Keshena, WI 54135

Please visit our website at:

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for more information on the Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan.

Questions or Comments?

Do you have any questions on the Transportation Long Range Plan or the Land Use Plan? Please contact us and we would be happy to assist.

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TRANSPORTATION PLAN & LAND USE PLAN NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (MITW) is in the process of preparing two planning documents; a Long Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan. The Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan Newsletter series is being developed to inform you of our progress throughout the planning process.

Thank you,

Introduction

The MITW Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Land Use Plan (LUP) takes an in-depth look at the transportation system, modes, land use, economy, housing, demographics and cultural identity on the reservation. The in-depth analysis allows the planning team and Tribe to establish a vision, goals, objectives, and recommendations over a 20 year planning horizon.

A LRTP is essential to a Tribe's transportation planning process because it is the foundation from which all transportation projects are planned and implemented from. The LRTP establishes the Tribe's vision, goals and objectives from which all transportations projects must align with. Typically, a LRTP has a minimum 20 year planning horizon and is updated every four years. In addition to being a great planning tool the LRTP also allows the Tribe to meet Federal requirements to qualify for Federal funds. The LRTP indicates that all projects, maintenance, and improvements follow tribal laws, tribal contracts, and policies through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). In addition to the LRTP the Menominee Indian Tribe maintains an approved Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) that defines which transportation projects will occur in the Menominee Tribal region for a

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planning horizon of four years. The Menominee Tribe works closely with local governments through funding contracts to establish a working relationship to maintain the overall transportation system.

The LRTP will provide transportation recommendations that will make the overall transportation system more efficient and responsible to the Tribe's citizens. The plan is comprised of the following elements:

- Introduction
 - Including background data, plan vision and geographic study area.
- MITW
 - o History and current demographic and economic analysis.
- Public Participation Approach
- Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Existing System
 - o A review of all modes of transportation.
- System Analysis
 - Analysis of all modes of transportation based on performance measures.
- Traffic Forecasts
- GIS Supported Transportation Recommendations
- Environmental Mitigation
- Environmental Justice
- Financial Analysis
- Implementation and Performance Measure Recommendations

The LUP will complement and support the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's Strategic Plan. It should be used by the Tribe to guide land use decisions over the next 20 years. The LUP provide background data and examine demographic trends; and identify goals, strategies and recommendation based on housing, economic and commercial development, environment, cultural resources, community facilities and land use. The LUP will be comprised of the following components:

- Executive Summary
 - o Summary of Plan
- Introduction
 - o Includes the location, purpose of the plan, planning process, public participation, visioning process, plan contents and interrelationships between elements
- Demographic Element
 - o Includes population and household trends and forecasts,

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education levels and income levels

- Economic Development Element
 - Includes labor force, economic base, and economic strengths and weaknesses
- Housing
 - Includes housing occupancy, value, age, condition and structural characteristics
- Environment Element (includes agriculture and historical and cultural resources)
 - Includes information about groundwater, forest resources, productive agricultural soils, environmentally sensitive areas, water resources, threatened and endangered species, floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat, parks, open space and recreational resources and historical and cultural resources.
- Community Facilities Element
 - Includes information about sanitary sewer, stormwater management, water supply and distribution, on-site wastewater retreatment, waste management, park and recreational facilities, telecommunication facilities, cemeteries, health and childcare facilities, public safety, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities.
- Land Use Element
 - Includes information on existing land use including amount, type, intensity and net density. It will also look at future land use projections
- Vision, Goals and Strategies for the different elements
- Strategic Planning (Implementation)
- Recommended Development Regulation

The MITW recognizes the need to organize a comprehensive process to build and document the consensus of the Menominee Indian Community for the future use priorities of the Tribe's ancestral homeland. Public participation is an important component of the LRTP and LUP process. In an effort to solicit comments and inform the public, the MITW is developing a newsletter series as a component of their public participation plan to explain the planning process and to provide the public with the opportunity to comment and participate throughout the process.